

**Students enrolled in Honors U.S. Literature must choose a second book and complete a novel packet (distributed to the students, and available on Mrs. Rudlowski's Homepage).**

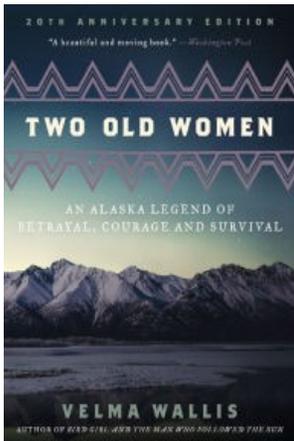
### *Two Old Women*

by Velma Wallis

Based on an Athabascan Indian legend passed along for many generations from mothers to daughters of the upper Yukon River Valley in Alaska, this is the suspenseful, shocking, ultimately inspirational tale of two old women abandoned by their tribe during a brutal winter famine.

Though these women have been known to complain more than contribute, they now must either survive on their own or die trying. In simple but vivid detail, Velma Wallis depicts a landscape and way of life that are at once merciless and starkly beautiful. In her old women, she has created two heroines of

steely determination whose story of betrayal, friendship, community, and forgiveness "speaks straight to the heart with clarity, sweetness, and wisdom" (Ursula K. Le Guin).



**Remember...  
Do your summer reading!**

### **PLEASE NOTE!!!!**

1. If a student will be registered for two "A" English courses due to failure, the student is responsible for reading the higher level book. For example, if a student will be taking 10A for the first time and repeating 9A, that student will read the 10th grade book.
2. Any new student to the district who enters before August 15th will be responsible for doing the summer reading and will be given the information at the time of registration. Any student entering after August 15th will not be required to read.
3. Honors students will be expected to read two books. One will be assessed at the time of testing and the other will be assessed during the course.
4. All tests and alternative forms of evaluations are based on the discretion of the individual teacher for each course.



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## **SUMMER READING GUIDE**



## **11th Grade US Literature**

**The eleventh grade summer assignment is to read ONE book from the following choices. You will be assessed on your summer reading during the first week of school.**

***Students are responsible for obtaining their own books.***

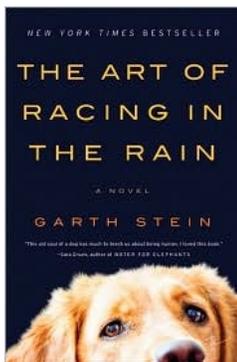
***The Art of Racing in the Rain***

by Garth Stein

In Garth Stein's novel, Fido speaks. Well, not exactly speaks, but pooch Enzo does narrate *The Art of Racing in the Rain*.

From his floor-hugging position, this restless Lab-terrier mix dispenses trenchant views on life, car racing, and his nominal owner, Denny Swift.

Stein's daring use of a four-legged narrator doesn't distract us from the story of would-be NASCAR driver Swift; in fact, it effectively lightens the tone of Denny's bumpy ride.



***Blaze***

By Richard Bachman

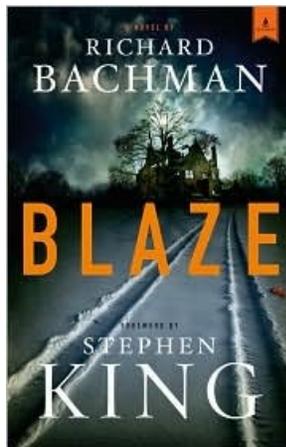
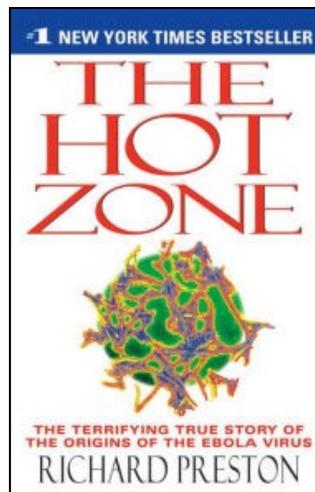
( Stephen King )

Blaze is the story of Clayton Blaisdell, Jr. - of the crimes committed against him and the crimes he commits, including his last, the kidnapping of a baby heir worth millions. Blaze has been a slow thinker since childhood, when his father threw him down the stairs -- and then threw him down again. After escaping an abusive institution for boys when he was a teenager, Blaze hooks up with George, a seasoned criminal who thinks he has all the answers. But then George is killed, and Blaze, though haunted by his partner, is on his own.

**The Hot Zone**

by Richard Preston

A highly infectious, deadly virus from the central African rain forest suddenly appears in the suburbs of Washington, D.C. There is no cure. In a few days 90 percent of its victims are dead. A secret military SWAT team of soldiers and scientists is mobilized to stop the outbreak of this exotic "hot" virus. The Hot Zone tells this dramatic story, giving a hair-raising account of the appearance of rare and lethal viruses and their "crashes" into the human race. Shocking, frightening, and impossible to ignore, *The Hot Zone* proves that truth really is scarier than fiction.



**Book Summaries from Barnes and Noble.com**

**When you read for PLEASURE, you build COMPREHENSION, VOCABULARY and READING SPEED.**

***Go Set A Watchman***

By Harper Lee

A landmark new novel set two decades after her beloved Pulitzer Prize –winning masterpiece, *To Kill a Mockingbird*. Twenty-six-year-old Jean Louise Finch—“ Scout ”—returns home from New York City to visit her aging father, Atticus. This story is set against the backdrop of the civil rights tensions and political turmoil that were transforming the South. Featuring many of the iconic characters from *To Kill a Mockingbird*, *Go Set a Watchman* perfectly captures a young woman, and a world, in painful yet necessary transition out of the illusions of the past a journey that can only be guided by one ' s own conscience.

